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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the DDCI
VIA : Deputy Director for Administration
Deputy Director for Operations
FROM : Director of Security
Chief, Counterintelligence Staff
SUBJECT : Information for Admiral Turner

Forwarded herewith is a joint response to your request incorporated in the morning meeting notes of 15 February 1977, paragraph 3.c.



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The Office of Security, Directorate of Administration, is responsible for the implementation and operation of the Central Intelligence Agency's internal security functions as they relate to personnel, technical, and physical security.

The Director of Security thus provides for the necessary investigative activities, polygraph program, and appropriate liaison with other United States agencies to obtain pertinent security information regarding individuals associated with the Agency in an employment, contractual, and/or clandestine capacity. The Director of Security, using the information obtained through the above investigative procedures, is also responsible for approving or disapproving the employment and contractual utilization of individuals, although the Directorate of Operations retains the approval authority for the clandestine and/or operational use of individuals.

All of the investigative procedures used in formulating security approvals and/or disapprovals are conducted in full accordance with Executive Order 11905 of 19 March 1975 as well as Agency regulations based on that Executive Order. In terms of those American citizens who are or will be associated with the Agency in an employee capacity, or those who will be similarly associated with the Agency as contractors's employees, the investigative actions are based on and in accordance with Executive Order 10450 of 27 April 1953, which provides the STATINTL basic criteria used throughout the United States Government in granting individuals access to classified information. The

The Director of Security is also responsible for all aspects relating to the physical/technical security and safety of Agency facilities, personnel, and documents. This mission is accomplished through world-wide programs designed to prohibit unauthorized access to Agency facilities through the use of guards, badge programs, and security equipment such as safes, vaults, and alarm systems. An integral part of this program is the audio-countermeasures program to detect and

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frustrate any attempts by a hostile intelligence service to technically penetrate the Agency.

The Office of Security's mission includes the formulation of policies, providing guidance, and the implementation of these policies as they relate to compartmented intelligence information for the entire Intelligence Community. Further, with the advent of the computer era, the Office of Security is responsible for research and programs to protect the Agency's compartmented computer systems.

Counterintelligence Function

The Director of Security and the Chief, Counterintelligence Staff are jointly responsible for those aspects of the Agency's counterintelligence program which affect Agency security. Attendant to this responsibility is the continuing study and analysis of pertinent data, i.e., research, by counterintelligence specialists, and the conduct of special investigations as outlined in Agency regulations.

The thrust of activities pursuant to the counterintelligence responsibility of the Director of Security is the detection and frustration of hostile penetration operations, including attempted recruitments, provocation attempts and efforts to exploit nonoperational Agency personnel as well as hostile efforts directed against the physical security of Agency installations.

Activities undertaken by the Counterintelligence Staff pursuant to this responsibility are focused on Agency operations and operational personnel as well as the collation of information on the capabilities and intentions of hostile services.

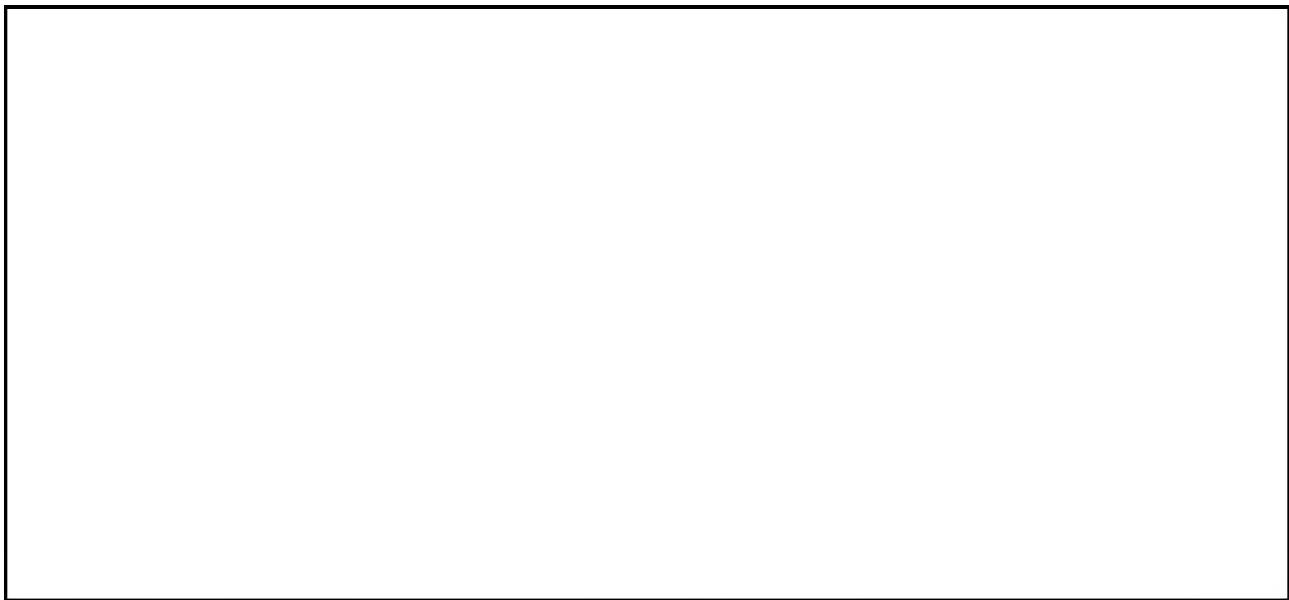
The Director of Security and the Chief, Counterintelligence Staff fully support one another in the conduct of counterintelligence investigations and keep one another fully briefed on individual cases being pursued. They meet regularly to discuss the status of their research and investigative activities in the counterintelligence field. Any counterintelligence investigation by either the Office of Security or the Counterintelligence Staff, both domestically and abroad, is conducted in full accordance with Executive Order 11905 and all other applicable statutes and regulations.

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Basic Principles of Counterintelligence

The basic mission of counterintelligence is to detect and frustrate, manipulate or otherwise control efforts by foreign intelligence and security services to effect recruitment, provocation, penetration, deception operations and other clandestine or covert action directed against the United States government, its citizens, and its installations. The counterintelligence program is based upon active collection and analysis of information on adversary intelligence services, including their personnel and methods of operations directed against United States interests.

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